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531.01 PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS

When signs are erected lawfully giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts of streets designated as prohibited parking areas by the Traffic Control Maps, or by temporary regulations in conformity with Article 505. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.02 PARKING LIMITED IN DESIGNATED AREAS

When signs are erected lawfully giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle longer than the time permitted upon any street or parts of streets designated as limited parking areas by the Traffic Control Maps, or by temporary regulations in conformity with Article 505. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 14701 §1 4/6/09)

531.03 PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIC AREAS

No person shall park a vehicle or tractor or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway or in any of the following places:

A. Within an intersection

B. On a crosswalk

C. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30') feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless local officials shall indicate a different length by signs or markings.

D. Within twenty-five (25') feet from the intersection of curb lines or, if none, then within fifteen (15') feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways.

E. Within thirty (30') feet upon the approach to any official flashing signal, stop sign or traffic signal located at the side of the roadway.

F. Within fifteen (15') feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.

G. Within fifteen (15') feet of a fire hydrant

H. On a sidewalk

I. In front of a private driveway or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same, unless a clear and unobstructed width of not less than twenty (20') feet upon the main traveled portion of the street or highway shall be left free for passage of other vehicles thereon. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

J. In the lane ordinarily used by moving traffic or on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway. (10657 §2 3/23/65)

K. At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting standing and parking.

L. Within fifty (50') feet of the nearest rail or railway crossing.

M. Except when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals or where angle parking is permitted, the operator of a vehicle shall not stop, stand or park such vehicle on the highway within a business or residence district other than parallel with the edge of the highway, headed in the direction of authorized traffic movement and with the right hand wheels on a two (2) way highway or the curb side wheels on a one way highway within six (6") inches of the edge of the highway or curb. Vehicles which, because of the type or construction, cannot load or unload parallel to the curb, shall be exempt, while loading or unloading only, from the requirements of standing parallel to the curb. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 14702 §1 4/6/09)

N. At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting parking pursuant to any declared emergency under the provisions of this article. (11120 §1 2/28/67)

531.04 BLOCKING GARAGE ENTRANCE

No person shall park a vehicle at any time in front of, opposite to, or in such a position as to block entrance to or exit by a vehicle from a garage or driveway. The only exception to this is on streets with widths of twenty (20') feet or more where said vehicle is able to park on an apron to a garage and it is able to be more than fifty (50%) percent off the roadway, and it is not parked on a sidewalk. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 13387 §1 3/25/96; 14061 §1 2/21/03)

531.05 GREASING OR REPAIR WORK

No vehicle shall stand on any street or sidewalk for the purpose of greasing or repair work except in case of emergency repairs. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 13389 §1 3/25/96)

531.06 DISPLAYING OR ADVERTISING VEHICLES FOR SALE

No vehicle shall be displayed or advertised for sale while parked upon any street. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.07 PARKING TRUCK AND TRAILERS

No truck trailer or trailer shall be parked upon any street without having attached thereto a means of mechanical traction constructed or designed for the purpose of pulling or drawing such trailer. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.08 STORAGE OF VEHICLES ON STREETS

No vehicle shall be stored upon any street. As used herein, "stored" shall mean the parking of a vehicle in one place upon any street continuously for over seventy-two (72) hours. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.09 PARKING OF INOPERABLE OR ILLEGALLY REGISTERED VEHICLES

A. No person shall park or leave on the streets, highway or public property of the City any mechanically inoperable vehicles or vehicles without current registration plates. (9610 §9 9/26/61)

B. No person shall park or leave on the streets, highways or public property of the City any vehicle without a current inspection sticker unless the vehicle is legally parked in front of, or in close proximity to, an official Pennsylvania State Inspection Station which identifies said vehicle by work order specifying a state inspection will be performed within twenty-four (24) hours. Additional work orders beyond the initial twenty-four (240) hour period are prohibited. (13035 §1 3/6/91)

531.10 PARKING PROHIBITED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

A. No person shall park or leave unattended a vehicle on private property without the consent of the owner or other person in control or possession of the property, except in the case of emergency or disablement of the vehicle, in which case the operator, within twenty-four hours, must show proof of the emergency and disablement and remove the vehicle from the private property. (13036 §1 3/6/91)

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to private parking lots unless such lots are posted to notify the public of any parking restrictions, and the operator of the vehicle violates such posted restrictions. For the purpose of this section, "private parking lot" means a parking lot open to the public or used for parking without charge; or a parking lot used for parking with a charge. The City hereby adopts the regulations promulgated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation which defines posting for public notice pursuant to 75 PA Consolidated Statutes Annotated §3353 (b)2 and any amended or successor statute(s). (13036 §1 3/6/91)

531.11 PARKING PROHIBITED AT HANDICAPPED AREAS

No person shall park or leave unattended a vehicle at any place specifically reserved for handicapped parking, unless the parked vehicle has a state issued plate or placard (displayed in a conspicuous manner) for a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, and is being used in the immediate service of a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran.

For the purpose of this section, a reserved handicapped parking place must be indicated by a PennDOT approved sign with universally accepted handicapped symbols. Each sign must indicate that a state issued placard or plate must be displayed at all times while parking in the space. (13194 §1 4/21/93)

531.12 PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING OR DRAFTING PROHIBITED IN A LOADING ZONE OR FIVE MINUTE ZONE

No person shall allow a vehicle to be parked, stopped, standing or drifted to conceal an officer's chalk mark without loading activity for more than twenty (20) minutes in a marked Loading Zone or more than five (5) minutes in a Five Minute Zone. (13389 §1 3/25/96)

531.13 WASHING VEHICLES ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

No vehicle shall stand on any street or sidewalk for the purpose of washing. (13389 §1 3/25/96)

531.99 NOTICE OF VIOLATION; WAIVER

Any police officer or duly authorized Parking Authority employee shall issue a violation notice to any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of the following sections, including a notice for the owner or operator to report to such place as may be designated by the Parking Authority in regard to the violation. (12659 §1 6/5/85)

A. For violation of Sections 531.02, Parking Limited in Designated Areas, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Fifteen ($15) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within Twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Twenty-five ($25) Dollars. (12659 §1 6/5/85; 13069 §1 8/8/91; 13227 §1 12/1/93; 13389 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §2 4/19/01)

B. For violation of Article 531.03, Parking Prohibited in a Lane Ordinarily used by moving traffic or on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway, and 531.10, Parking Prohibited on Private Property, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Thirty-five ($35) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Fifty ($50) Dollars. (12659 §1 6/5/85; 13069 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §1 4/19/01; 14025 §1 10/4/02; 14059 §1 2/21/03)

C. Violation of Section 531.03 J, Parking Prohibited (Double Parking) (15009 §1 8/15/12)

1. For violation of Section 531.03 (J), Parking Prohibited in a lane ordinarily used by moving traffic or on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of One Hundred ($100) dollars, after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of One Hundred Fifty ($150) Dollars. On the second violation offense, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Two Hundred ($200) dollars, after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty ($250) Dollars. On the third and subsequent violation offense, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Three Hundred ($300) dollars, after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty ($350) Dollars. (15009 §1 8/15/12)

2. Lazy Parker Provision: If the violator of Section 531 J, is adjacent to an open space within ten feet of an available parking space, an additional $100 shall be added to the penalty (14059 §1 2/21/03; 14490 §1 6/8/07; 14787 § 03/03/10' 15009 § 1 8/15/12)

D. For violation of Section 531.05, Greasing or Repair Work, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty, Fifty ($50) Dollars and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of violation, the sum of One Hundred ($100) Dollars. (13389 §1 3/25/96)

E. For violation of Section 531.11, Parking Prohibited at Handicapped Areas, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Fifty ($50) Dollars and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of violation, the sum of One Hundred ($100) Dollars. (13194 §1 4/21/93; 13389 §1 3//25/96; 13902 §3 4/19/01)

F. For violation of any other provision of this article, the owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty the sum of Fifteen ($15) Dollars after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Twenty-five ($25) Dollars. (13069 §1 8/8/91; 13194 §2 12/1/93; 13901 §2 4/19/01)

G. For violation of Section 531.12, Parking, Stopping, Standing or Drifting Prohibited in a Loading Zone or Five Minute Zone, the vehicle is subject to immediate towing and/or a notice placed on the vehicle. The owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, will pay as a penalty, the sum of Fifteen ($15) Dollars and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Twenty-five ($25) Dollars. (13069 §1 5/15/91; 13194 §1 4/21/93; 13389 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §2 4/19/01)

H. In all cases, failure of the owner or operator to make payment after twenty (20) days, shall make the owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed One Hundred ($100) Dollars, and default of payment of fine and costs, imprisoned not more than ten (10) days. (13069 §1 5/15/91; 13194 §1 4/21/93; 13389 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §24/19/01)

I. For violation of Section 531.08, Storage of Vehicles on Street, the owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty the sum of Thirty-five ($35) dollars after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Fifty ($50) Dollars. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance may be removed by any member of the Police Bureau, their designee, or a designated Allentown Parking Authority personnel. Any vehicle removed may be towed to and placed at any area designated by the Mayor or his duly designated representative or the Parking Authority, for impounding of vehicles. All fines and costs for removal, towing, storage or parking of any vehicle removed under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle and the vehicle shall remain impounded until all costs are paid. (13901 §2 4/19/01)

J. For violation of Sections 531.07, Parking Truck and Tractor Trailers, 531.09, Parking of Inoperable or Illegally Registered Vehicles, and 531.13, Washing Vehicles on Streets and Sidewalks, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Twenty-five ($25) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Thirty-five ($35) Dollars. (13901 §2 4/19/01)

K. For Violation of Section 531.03 (G), Parking Prohibited within fifteen (15') feet of a fire hydrant, the vehicle is subject to immediate towing. The owner or operator within ten (10) days of violation pay a penalty of Fifty ($50) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, pay the sum of One Hundred ($100) Dollars. In addition, the owner will be responsible for all towing and storage fees, and costs of the vehicle, and all must be paid prior to its release. (14025 §1 10/4/02)

L. Any vehicle that has been cited two (2) times within a one year period shall be towed upon the third citation for violating Article 531.11, Parking Prohibited at Handicapped Areas, and Article 531.12, Parking, Stopping, Standing or Drafting Prohibited in a Loading Zone or Five Minute Zone. The owner of said vehicle will be responsible for all towing and storage fees and the costs of the vehicle, and all must be paid, including all fines, prior to its release. (14514 8/2/07)

M. For violation of Sections 531.07, Parking Truck and Tractor Trailers, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Thirty-five ($35) Dollars, and after then (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Fifty ($50) Dollars. (13901 § 2 4/19/01; 14787 § 03/03/10; 15131 § 5/7/14)

SECTION 532
LIMITATIONS ON THE PARKING OF TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

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14500 (6/25/07) added the BLI as a prohibited district.
14421 (9/15/06) establishes limits on large vehicles that could parking in residential areas.
14468 (2/8/07) prohibited vehicles that have a Class V license or above and prohibits parking in any district other than industrial districts.
15082 (7/17/2013) provides for a 24 hour renewal permit for loading or unloading a vehicle.

532.01 Purpose

Allentown City Council finds it necessary to regulate the parking of large vehicles and trailers to reduce public safety hazards and maintain the quality of residential neighborhoods, thereby preserving the value of property in those districts. The street grid in Allentown predates the manufacturing and licensing of large vehicles and trailers; over 90% of the streets are 36 feet wide, leaving 8 feet for parking and 10 feet for the flow of two lane traffic. Large vehicles and trailers create safety hazards by encroaching into the abutting lane and moving traffic across the center lane. Such parking and obstructions, besides being a public safety issue, impedes the free flow of traffic. Parked close to an intersection, such vehicles and trailers, negatively impact the distance for vehicles entering the street. Large vehicles and trailers parked in residential areas generate complaints from residential neighborhoods in regard to traffic impediments and safety hazards, as well as noise. (14421 §1 9/15/2006)

532.02 Definitions

Bus: A motor vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or, a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or limousine, designed to transport not more than 15 passengers, including the driver. The term does not include a vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, as defined in the Act of December 14, 1982 (P.L. 1211, No. 279), entitled, "An act providing for ridesharing arrangements and providing that certain laws shall be inapplicable to ridesharing arrangements, or a school bus.

Dual Wheel Motor Home: A motor vehicle designed or adapted for use as a mobile dwelling or office, except a motor vehicle equipped with a truck-camper.

Oversized Vehicle: A motor vehicle that has a Class 5 license or above, or any equivalent license or above, or with a Gross Vehicle Weight of over 11,000 pounds. (14468 2/8/07)

Owner: A person, other than a lien holder, having the property right in or title to a motor vehicle. The term includes a person entitled to the use and possession of a vehicle subject to a security interest in another person, but excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as security.

Park or Parking: When permitted, means the temporary storing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, off the roadway; and, when prohibited, means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers.

Recreational Trailer: A trailer designed or adopted and used exclusively for recreational purposes.

School Bus: A motor vehicle which is designed to carry 11 passengers or more including the driver and is used for the transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students to or from public, private or parochial schools or events related to such schools or school-related activities.

The term does not include a motor vehicle used to transport preprimary, primary or secondary school students to or from public, private or parochial schools or events related to such schools or school-related activities, which is designed to carry 11 to 15 passengers, including the driver, and which is registered in this Commonwealth as a bus prior to March 1, 1993; or, a motor vehicle which is designed to carry 11 to 15 passengers, including the driver, and which was titled to any public, private or parochial school on or before March 1, 1993, and which is registered to that public, private or parochial school in this Commonwealth as a bus prior to September 15, 1993.

Tractor Trailer: A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn.

Trailer: Every vehicle, wagon or truck without motive power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a motor vehicle.

Truck Camper: A structure designed, used or maintained primarily to be loaded or affixed to a motor vehicle to provide a mobile dwelling, sleeping place, office or commercial space. (14421 §1 9/15/2006)

532.03 Prohibitions

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or allow to remain parked, on any street or parts of streets, the following vehicles: Buses, dual wheel motor homes, oversized vehicle, school buses, tractor trailers, trailers, truck campers within the districts listed below as defined and circumscribed in the City's Zoning Ordinance; and, on any street abutting such zone; and, that this prohibition shall apply to any designated district established in the Zoning Code except for I-2, Limited Industrial, and I-3, General Industrial Districts. (14500 §1 6/25/07; 14468 §1 2/8/07; 14500 §1 5/25/07; 14468 §1 2/8/07)

532.04 Exceptions

These provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to:

Vehicles of the City of Allentown, such as fire apparatus and ambulances, or vehicles engaged in the work of a public utility;

Vehicles of service companies, contractors, repairmen, delivery trucks or others actually engaged in working operations in the vicinity during the actual period of such between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM. (14421 §1 9/15/2006)

532.05 Permit for Loading or Unloading Recreational Vehicles or Truck Campers

Permits shall be issued by the Allentown Parking Authority to the owners of Recreation vehicles or truck campers for a twenty- four (24) hour permit to unload or load said vehicle with the option of a twenty-four hour renewal by notifying the Allentown Parking Authority. (14421 §1 9/15/2006; 14742 §1 9/16/09; 15082 §1 7/17/13)

532.99 Penalty

For violation of Section 532, Parking of Trucks and Trailers Prohibited In Residential Areas, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged shall, pay as a penalty in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Fifty ($50) Dollars and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of violation, the sum of One Hundred ($100) Dollars. In addition to the fine, the Police Department may have the vehicle or trailer immediately towed if the vehicle is posing an immediate safety hazard. (14421 §1 9/15/2006; 15131 5/7/14)

ARTICLE 533
PARKING METERS

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533.01 DEFINITIONS

The following words, whether in the singular or plural, when used in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this article except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

1. **Public place** shall mean any municipal parking lot operated by the City or the Parking Authority of the City.

2. **Parking meter** shall mean a device intended to assist public authorities in enforcing ordinances limiting the time during which vehicles may be parked on any street or highway or other public place within a parking meter zone.

3. **Parking meter zone** shall mean streets or highways, or portions thereof, or municipal parking lots operated by the City or the Parking Authority of the City on which parking meters are installed, operated and used. (8024 §2 4/3/56)

533.02 PARKING METER ZONES ESTABLISHED; TRAFFIC CONTROL MAPS

All municipal parking lots operated by the City of Allentown or the Parking Authority of the City of Allentown. (8024 §3 4/3/56)

Parking meter zones shall be established and set forth by legend on the Traffic Control Maps of the City. (9844 §1 7/3/62; 14312 §1 8/18/05)

533.03 SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED

Parking restrictions and limitations in any parking meter zone are exempted on Sundays and on the holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Christmas. (8024 §4 4/3/56; 13201 §1 6/3/93; 14312 §1 8/18/05)

533.04 TIME OF PARKING LIMITED BY ZONE; HOURS OF OPERATION

On all days, other than those set forth in Section 533.03, parking in all zones is hereby limited not to exceed the maximum time stated in each meter. The hours of operation of on-street parking meters and residential permit parking are Monday through Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. (8024 §5 4/3/56; 13201 §1 6/3/93; 14312 §1 8/18/05)
(8024 §5 4/3/56; 13201 §1 6/3/93; 14312 §1 8/18/05; 15196 § 4/15/15)

533.05 MARKING OF SPACES

In all parking meter zones a parking meter shall be installed for each parking space. All parking spaces may be placed either parallel, diagonal or perpendicular to the curb. Parking in other than designated parking spaces is prohibited in any parking meter zone. (8024 §6 4/3/56; 14312 §1 8/18/05)

533.06 METER SIGNALS

Parking meters shall be placed in such a way that each designated parking space is clearly marked as to show or display by a signal that the parking space controlled by such meter is or is not legally occupied. Each parking meter shall indicate by a proper legend the established legal parking time and, when in operation, shall also indicate on or by its display the duration of the period of legal parking or any illegal or overtime parking. (8024 §7 4/3/56; 14312 §1 8/18/05)

533.07 MANNER OF PARKING

Every vehicle parked parallel with the curb in any parking meter zone on a street or highway shall be parked with the front end of such parked vehicle at or immediately adjacent to the parking meter controlling such parking space. Every vehicle parked perpendicular to the curb of any street or highway or on any parking lot within a meter zone, shall be parked with the front end or the rear end of such parked vehicle, as the situation may be, at or immediately adjacent to the parking meter controlling such parking space. All vehicles shall be parked entirely within the lines of the designated parking space controlled by the meter situated adjacent thereto. (8024 §8 4/3/56)

533.08 DEPOSIT OF PROPER COINS IN METER

A. Upon parking any vehicle in any parking meter space, the operator shall immediately deposit, in the meter controlling such space, any legally acceptable form of currency or electronic payment. Upon the deposit and placing the meter in operation, such meter space may be lawfully occupied by any vehicle during the period of parking time as indicated on the meter. (9844 §2 7/3/62)

B. Pursuant to this section, Council is hereby authorized and empowered to designate the proper coin or amount to be placed in such meter and to amend the instructions on the meter to reflect the proper coin or amount required for the operation of such meter. The rate per hour shall be One ($1) Dollar except for Hamilton Street between 4th to 10th Streets and the unit blocks

between Walnut and Linden Streets, where the rate shall be Two ($2) Dollars. (12161 §1 12/22/75) (14312 §1 8/18/05; 15196 § 4/15/15)

533.09 NO PARKING BEYOND METER-INDICATED TIME

No owner or operator of any vehicle shall cause, allow, permit or suffer such vehicle to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time as indicated or set forth on the instructions of such meter. (9844 §3 7/3/62)

533.10 USE OF METER FUNDS

The payments ~~coins~~ required to be deposited in parking meters are levied and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulations and control of traffic upon the streets and highways and other public places of the City, including the cost of supervising and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby, and the cost of the purchase, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of the parking meters and municipal parking lots. The coins required to be deposited in parking meters shall be collected and accounted for under the direction of the Executive Director of the Parking Authority and deposited by the Director at least once a week. (8024 §11 4/3/56; 13201 §1 6/3/93)

533.11 SLUGS PROHIBITED

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substitute for legal coins of the United States. (8024 §12 4/3/56)

533.12 INJURING OR DEFACING METERS

No person shall deface, injure, tamper with or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed by authority of Council or by the Parking Authority of the City. (8024 §13 4/3/56)

533.13 EXCEPTIONS

Nothing in this article shall be construed as prohibiting the Authority from providing for free parking space for loading or unloading of commercial vehicles, for bus stops, taxicab stands or for other matters of a similar nature. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to Vehicles of the City of Allentown or to the Allentown School District which display a Municipal plate and are engaged in official business." (8024 §14 4/3/56; 14312 §1 8/18/05; 15053 § 1 1/16/13)

533.14 ENFORCEMENT

The duty of enforcing the provisions of this article shall be on the department of Police and the Allentown Parking Authority. In case of emergency, any of the provisions of this article may be temporarily suspended by such Director or Chief of Police, who shall then have the authority to adopt and enforce such other temporary rules and regulations as traffic conditions, during such emergency, may demand or required. (8024 §15 4/3/56; 13201 §1 6/3/93)

533.15 DUTY OF POLICE

It shall be the duty of police officers or Parking Authority Personnel or other duly authorized City employees of the City, acting in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee, or the Executive Director of the Parking Authority, to turn in the violation ticket. The violation shall contain: (14312 §1 8/18/05)

A. The number of each parking meter which indicates that the vehicles occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is, or has been, parked in violation of any of the provisions of this article.

B. The State license number of such vehicle.

C. The day and hour at which such vehicle is parked in violation of any of the provisions of this article at the time of his inspection.

D. Any other facts, a knowledge of which may be considered necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation. (11813 §1 7/21/70; 13201 §1 6/3/93; 14312 §1 8/18/05)

533.16 VERIFICATION OF METERS

All parking meters located in the City of Allentown shall be checked for accuracy at least once a year. At the completion of each calendar year, a statement verifying that the annual inspection has been completed, shall be submitted to City Council. (13201 §1 6/3/93)

533.99 NOTICE OF VIOLATION; WAIVER

A. Any police officer or other duly authorized Parking Authority employee shall issue a violation notice to any vehilces parked in violation of the provisions of this article a notice of said violation. (12786 §1 8/5/87)

Each such owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Ten ($10) Dollars; and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Twenty-five ($25) Dollars. (12660 §1 6/5/85; 12786 §1 8/5/87; 13227 §3 12/1/93; 13901 §3 4/19/01; 14312 §1 8/18/05)

Failure of the owner or operator to make payment after twenty (20) days shall make the owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed One Hundred ($100) Dollars and, in default of payment of fine and costs, be imprisoned not more than ten (10) days. (12660 + 6/5/85; 12786 §1 8/5/87; 13901 §3 4/19/01; 15131 § 5/7/14)

ARTICLE 534
RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING

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534.01 PURPOSE

The City Council of the City of Allentown considers it to be in the interest of the citizens of the City of Allentown to provide for the establishment of a Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Program in order to alleviate the hardship experienced by residents in obtaining on-street parking space to preserve the residential quality of neighborhoods and to provide for improvement in air quality. The powers and duties as contained in this article shall be performed by the Parking Authority. (12708 §1 5/7/86)

534.02 RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM

The Parking Authority is hereby authorized to designate, subject to the approval by City Council, as herein provided, certain streets and other public areas within the City of Allentown as permit parking areas in which resident vehicles displaying valid parking permits may stand or be parked without limitation by parking time restrictions established by this article. Vehicles not displaying valid parking permits may stand or be parked for a limited time not to exceed the time specified upon adequately posted signs. (12708 §2 5/7/86)

534.03 DESIGNATION OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREAS

A residential area, regardless of current zoning designation, shall be considered for designation as a residential permit parking area provided that designation criteria established by this article be satisfied and that City Council, through enactment of an ordinance, authorize the posting of appropriate signs specifying time limits and period of the day for its application. (12568 §1 9/7/83; 14702 §1 4/6/09)

534.04 DESIGNATION CRITERIA

A residential area shall be deemed impacted and thereby eligible for residential permit parking provided that the following criteria are satisfied:

A. In areas zoned other than Central Business District, the following criteria must be met:

1. At least fifty (50%) percent of the street level, front footage use is residential or non-business related. (12804 §1 11/4/87)

2. During any period between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM on weekdays, except holidays, the number of vehicles parked and/or standing, legally or illegally, at on-street parking spaces is equal to seventy (70%) percent or more of the legal on-street parking capacity of the area. For purposes of this evaluation, a legal parking space shall be twenty (20) linear feet. (12804 §1 11/4/87)

3. During the same time period as specified above, ten (10%) percent or more of the vehicles parking and/or standing, on the streets in the area are not registered in the name of a person residing within a three (3) block distance of the location at which the vehicle is parked. (12804 §1 11/4/87)

4. On streets where there are parking meters and/or time restricted parking in Section 534.04 (2) and (3) are not criteria for designation. (12804 §1 11/4/87)

B. In areas zoned Central Business District, the following criteria must be met:

1. At least eighty (80%) percent of the street level front footage abutting the street designated have a residential or non-business related use. (12804 §1 11/4/87)

2. During any period between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM on weekdays except holidays, at least eighty (80%) percent of all occupied on-street parking spaces are occupied by vehicles registered in the name of a person residing within a three (3) block distance of the location at which the vehicle is parked. (12804 § 11/4/87)

3. If the above criteria are not met at any time, the Allentown Parking Authority shall notify City Council. City Council may consider revoking the Residential Parking Permit status for that street. (12804 §1 11/4/87)

534.05 DESIGNATION PROCESS

A. If the area in question is not an approved Residential Permit Parking Zone and a sufficient number of residents have requested to be a residential permit parking zone then the Parking Authority will schedule and administer a public hearing. For this hearing, every resident and property owner of the proposed plan area shall be notified by mail. On the basis of testimony taken, City Council shall or shall not designate the areas as an Official Residential Permit Parking Area. (12708 §4 5/7/86)

B. On blocks or portions there within a Residential Parking Permit Zone where parking meters and/or time restricted parking already exists, the Parking Authority may designate the area as a residential permit parking block. (12708 §4 5/7/86)

C. On blocks or portions thereof within a Residential Parking Permit Zone where no parking meters and/or time restricted parking exists, the following process is to be followed:

1. A block or portion thereof may be considered as a potential residential parking block or portion thereof upon the receipt by the Parking Authority of verified petitions from the residents of that block or portion thereof. The petition process may be initiated at the resident's request by the Allentown Parking Authority. A separate petition must be filed for each block and in order for the petition to be valid, it must contain the signatures of the majority of households in that block. (12708 §4 5/7/86; 14702 §1 4/6/09)

2. The Parking Authority shall conduct surveys of potential residential parking areas to determine the following:

a. The number of legal on-street parking spaces available on each block in the area. (12708 §4 5/7/86)

b. The number of legal on-street spaces occupied by parked vehicles during an average weekday on each block in the area. Two (2) surveys will be made on different days of the week and at different times of the day. One observation will be made in the early part of the day and the other later in the day. (12708 §4 5/7/86)

c. The number of parked vehicles in the area which are registered to addresses of persons who do not live in the area. (12708 §4 5/7/86)

3. If all designation criteria for a particular block has been satisfied, the Parking Authority shall direct the Bureau of Traffic Planning and Control to erect, or cause to be erected, signs on the designated block indicating that parking beyond the stipulated number of hours is by permit only. This restriction shall be considered a temporary traffic regulation subject to approval by City Council. (12708 §4 5/7/86)

534.06 ISSUANCE OF PARKING PERMITS

Following City Council's approval of the designation of a Residential Permit Parking area, the Parking authority may issue appropriate permits and shall cause parking signs to be erected in the area indicating the times and conditions under which parking shall be allowed. A permit shall be issued upon application and payment of the applicable fee, only to the owner or operator of a motor vehicle who resides in the appropriate Residential Permit Parking area. A separate permit shall be required for each motor vehicle. Commercial vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 10,000 pounds are not eligible for permits. Eligibility for a permit shall be as follows:

A. **Residents:** The resident must prove residency and vehicle ownership or evidence of having a leased or company-owned vehicle. The Parking Authority shall establish criteria for proof of residence. A separate application shall be required for each vehicle and each application shall be accompanied by a permit fee. (12708 §5 5/7/86)

B. **Visitors:** Special permits may be issued to visitors for a period of time not to exceed fourteen (14) days. No resident of a Residential Permit Parking area shall be issued more than two (2) visitor permits at any time. (12708 §5 5/7/86)

C. **Residents living in the Central Business District** have the option of purchasing a permit to park in an adjacent designated area. (12708 §5 5/7/86)

D. **Caregiver:** Caregivers may be issued a parking permit sticker provided the address of the resident receiving the care is within said parking area, and the resident requiring care forfeits a current, valid permit or does not possess a current Residential Permit Parking permit. The requirements to obtain a parking permit for a caregiver are:

A completed application form in both the resident's and caregiver's name and address;
A current DMV vehicle registration for the vehicle the applicant is requesting a permit for;
Proof of residency in the permit area of the person receiving the care;
A letter from the resident identifying the permit applicant as the caregiver;
Photo identification and employment verification of the caregiver. (14702 §2 4/6/09)

534.07 DISPLAY OF PERMIT

Permits shall be displayed on the driver's side of the rear bumper so as to be readily visible to enforcement personnel. (12568 §1 9/7/83)

534.08 PERMIT PARKING EXEMPTION

A resident vehicle on which is displayed a valid parking permit as provided for herein shall be permitted to stand or be parked in the Residential Permit area for which the permit has been issued without being limited by time restrictions or meter requirements established pursuant to this article. However, said resident's vehicle shall not be exempt from parking restrictions or prohibitions established pursuant to authority other than this article including Article 531, Stopping and Parking, and Article 539, Street Sweeping, of the Codified Ordinances as well as loading zones, five minute parking zones, handicapped zones and other special parking restrictions. All other motor vehicles parked within a Residential Permit Parking area shall be subject to the time restrictions and meter requirements adopted as provided in this article as well as the penalties provided for herein. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to Vehicles of the City of Allentown or to the Allentown School District which display a Municipal plate and are engaged in official business. A person shall not allow a vehicle to be parked, stopped, standing or drifted to conceal an officer's chalk mark. (12595 §3 2/15/84; 13901 §4 4/19/01; 15053 § 1 1/16/13)

A Residential Parking Permit shall not guarantee or reserve to the holder thereof an on-street parking space within the designated Residential Permit Parking area. (12568 §1 9/7/83)

534.09 APPLICATION FOR AND DURATION OF PERMIT

Each parking permit issued shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. Permits may be renewed annually upon reapplication in the manner required by the Parking Authority. Each application or re-application for a parking permit shall contain information sufficient to identify the applicant, his residence address or address of real property owned or leased within a Residential Permit Parking area, and the license number of the motor vehicle for which application is made, and such other information that may be deemed relevant by the Parking Authority. If a resident sells or otherwise transfers a vehicle bearing a parking permit sticker, he shall remove the sticker before the transfer. If a resident transfers a vehicle bearing a valid permit parking sticker and acquires another vehicle, he shall provide the Parking Authority with proof of the transfer an affidavit attesting to the removal of the sticker. The Parking Authority shall then provide, at no cost, a new sticker which will expire at the same time as the original sticker. (12708 §6 5/7/86)

534.10 PERMIT FEES

The initial cost for each Residential Parking Permit shall be Twenty-five ($25.00) Dollars and each annual renewal cost will be Twenty ($20.00) Dollars. The cost for visitor parking permits will be Two ($2.00) Dollars. (12708 §7 5/7/86; 12827 §1 2/17/88))

534.11 REVOCATION OF PERMIT

The Parking Authority is authorized to revoke the Residential Parking Permit of any person found to be in violation of this article and, upon written notification thereof, the person shall surrender such permit to the Parking Authority. Failure, when so requested, to surrender a Residential Parking Permit so revoked shall constitute a violation of law and of this article. (12708 §8 5/7/86)

534.12 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT ZONES

The following areas are hereby designated as the Residential Parking Permit zones.:

A. Residential Parking Permit Zone #1

1. Area bounded by Turner Street on the south, Allen Street on the north, 7th Street on the east and 10th Street on the west, but not to include 7th Street or Turner Street from Hall Street to 7th Street. Along the boundaries of Turner, Allen and 10th Streets, both sides of the street shall be included in the program. In addition, the 100 block of North 8th Street from Linden Street to Turner Street is included in this zone, as well as the 400 block of North 9th Street and the north side of the 800 block of Linden Street. (12708 §9 5/7/86; 13889 §1 2/8/01; 14702 §2 4/6/09; 15223 §1 9/2/15)

B. Residential Parking Permit Zone #2

1. Area bounded by Turner Street on the south, Allen Street on the north, 4th Street on the east and 7th Street on the west but not be include Turner Street from Morris Street to 7th Street. Along each of the four (4) boundaries, both sides of the street shall be included in the program. (12708 §9 5/7/86; 13889 §1 2/8/01)

C. Residential Parking Permit Zone #3

1. Area bounded by Turner Street on the north, Court Street on the south, 4th Street on the east and Penn Street on the west, but not to include Turner Street. Along the boundaries of Court Street, 4th Street, and Penn Street, both sides of the street shall be included in the program. (12708 §9 5/7/86)

2. Area bounded by Turner Street on the north, Linden Street on the south, Penn Street on the east, and Law Street on the west, but not to include Turner Street. Along the boundaries of Linden Street, Penn Street and Law Street, both sides of the street will be included. (12708 §9 5/7/86)

3. Area bounded by Walnut Street on the north, Law Street on the west, Union Street on the south, and 4th Street on the east. Along each of the four (4) boundaries, both sides of the street are to be included.

4. Area bounded by Maple Street on the north, Law Street on the west, Walnut Street on the south and College Street on the east. Along each of the four (4) boundaries, both sides of the street are to be included. (12804 §1 11/4/87)

D. Residential Parking Permit Zone #4

1. Area bounded by Maple Street on the north, Union Street on the south, 13th Street on the west and 10th Street on the east. Along each of the four (4) boundaries, both sides of the street are to be included. Also included is the unit block of South Jefferson Street. (12708 §9 5/7/86; 14702 §2 4/6/09)

2. Area bounded by Walnut Street on the north, Union Street on the south, 8th Street on the east and 10th Street on the west but not to include Walnut Street from Fountain to 10th Street, and Jackson Street from 9th to 10th Streets and all areas included in the between these boundaries. (12708 §9 5/7/86; 15223 §1 9/2/15)
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E. Residential Parking Permit Zone #5

1. Area bounded by Chew Street on the north, Linden Street on the south, 10th Street on the east and 13th Street on the west but not to include 10th Street from Chew Street to Turner Street. Both sides of the street are to be included. Also included is the 200 block of North Poplar Street. (12708 §9 5/7/86; 14702 §2 4/6/09)

2. Area bounded by Turner Street on the north, Fountain Street on the east, Linden Street on the south and 10th Street on the west but not to include Turner Street. Both sides of the street are to be included. (12708 §9 5/7/86)

3. Area bounded by Linden Street on the north, Court Street on the south, Howard Street on the east and 13th Street on the west, to include both sides of the streets on the boundary streets. (12708 §9 5/7/86)

F. Residential Parking Permit - Zone #6

An area bounded by Gordon on the north from 13th to 16th Streets, 13th Street from Gordon to Turner, Turner on the south from 13th to West Street, inclusive of the north side of Turner and West Street on the west from Gordon to Turner. (13214 §1 9/2/93)

On the 200 block of North 19th Street, bounded by Turner on the south and Chew on the north. (1369 §1 2/5/98)

534.13 REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

A. Time Restriction on Parking - Except as otherwise designated, on-street parking will be restricted to a one to three hour time limit on streets that now have legal, on-street parking except for metered areas. Vehicle bearing valid Residential Parking Permit stickers for this area shall be exempt from the one to three hour time limit and meter requirements. The Bureau of Traffic Planning and Control will erect, or cause to be erected signs. These signs shall indicate the one to three hour time limit and the exclusion for vehicles with Residential Permit Parking stickers or shall indicate the exclusion of said vehicles from meter requirements. The one to three hour time limit shall be enforced from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM weekdays, excluding holidays. (12708 §10 5/7/86)

B. In areas with existing parking meters, operators with valid Residential Parking Permits will be allowed to be parked at meters within the designated area without the need to deposit coins. (12708 §10 5/7/86)

C. Existing Parking Regulations - All existing parking regulations shall remain in effect. These include but are not limited to: prohibited parking areas, street cleaning restrictions, five (5) minute parking areas, loading zones, and the seventy-two (72) hour parking rule. Holders of Residential Permit Parking stickers will not be exempt from these regulations. (12708 §10 5/7/86)

534.99 PENALTIES

A. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for any person to stand or park a motor vehicle for a period exceeding the time limitation established pursuant hereto. No person shall move and repark a vehicle on the same side of the street within the same block in order to avoid a parking time limit. For violation of any provisions of this article the owner or operator may within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was attached to his vehicle, pay as a penalty the sum of Fifteen ($15) Dollars; after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation the sum of Twenty-five ($25) Dollars. In all cases, failure of the owner or operator to make payment within twenty (20) days shall make the owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed One Hundred ($100) Dollars, and, in default of payment of fine and costs, imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days. (12708 §11 5/7/86; 12787 §1 8/5/87; 13227 §4 12/1/93; 13901 §4 4/19/01; 14702 §2 4/6/09)

B. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for a person to falsely represent himself as eligible for a parking permit or to furnish false information in an application therefor. (12708 §11 5/7/86)

C. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for a person holding a valid parking permit issued pursuant hereto to permit the use of display of such permit on a motor vehicle other than that for which the permit is issued. Such conduct shall constitute an unlawful act and violation of this article both by the person who so uses or displays the permit on a motor vehicle other than that for which it is issued. (12708 §11 5/7/86)

D. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for a person to copy, produce or otherwise bring into existence a facsimile or counterfeit parking permit or permits. It shall further be unlawful and a violation of this article for a person to knowingly use or display a facsimile or counterfeit parking permit in order to evade time limitations on parking applicable in a Residential Permit Parking area. (12708 §11 5/7/86)

E. For violation of any provision contained in Sections 534.14(b), (c) and (d) of this article, the person committing the unlawful act shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed Three Hundred ($300) Dollars and/or imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days for each such violation. (12708 § 5/7/86)

ARTICLE 535
IMPOUNDING

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CROSS REFERENCES
Removal of Vehicle -- See Vehicle Code §3352
Removal from Snow Routes -- See Traffic Article 527.04
Removal of Abandoned Vehicles -- See Traffic Article 537.03

535.01 AUTHORITY OF THE BUREAU OF POLICE AND THE DESIGNATED ENFORCEMENT OFFICER(S) OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKING AUTHORITY

The Bureau of Police and the designated enforcement officer(s) of the Allentown Parking Authority shall have the authority to remove and impound any motor vehicle/conveyance parked on the streets or highways of the City in violation of any ordinances of the City or of any provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (12661 §1 6/5/85)

535.02 SCOFFLAW

A. If any motor vehicle/conveyance is illegally parked in violation of this Title or any applicable provision of the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or whose owner is delinquent in payment of fines and costs imposed by a district magistrate and for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued by a district magistrate or whose owner is delinquent in payment of fines and penalties as a result of his violation of the parking laws of the City or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania then that owner's motor vehicle(s) /conveyance(s) shall be prohibited from parking on City streets and shall be seized, removed and impounded or immobilized. (12661 §2 6/5/85; 13700 §1 10/8/98)

B. Upon conviction of or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for one or more of the following non-parking related offenses and upon imposition of a fine or fines which separately or together with any other outstanding or unpaid fines imposed for the following offenses, total in excess of Two Hundred Fifty ($250) Dollars, the owner of the motor vehicle/conveyance shall be allowed twenty-four (24) hours either to pay the fine or fines and costs or to make arrangements to pay installments, during which time the vehicle/conveyance may be rendered temporarily inoperable by the Bureau of Police. (14183 §2 5/21/04)

Section 1301 (relating to registration and certificate of title required);
Section 1332 (relating to display of registration plate);
Section 1371 (relating to operation following suspension of registration);
Section 1501 (relating to drivers required to be licensed);
Section 1786 (relating to required financial responsibility);
Section 7124 (relating to fraudulent use or removal of registration plate).
(14183 §2 5/21/04)

If the owner neither makes payment nor makes arrangements for payment within the 24 hour period or defaults upon such payment, an impoundment order for the vehicle/conveyance may be issued, and its enforcement directed by a police officer, a district justice or an authorized impoundment official as authorized by the issuing authority.

The owner of any vehicle/conveyance impounded under this section may obtain possession of the vehicle/conveyance by:

1) Furnishing proof of valid registration and financial responsibility; and

2) Paying all fines and costs associated with the impoundment or making arrangements with the appropriate authority to make payments of all fines and costs by installments.

This Section (B) applies only to non-parking related violations set forth above and does not in any manner limit the authority of the Bureau of Police to seize, remove, impound or immobilize a vehicle/conveyance pursuant to Section (A) for parking related violations. (14183 §2 5/21/04)

The Bureau of Police and the designated law enforcement officer(s) of the Allentown Parking Authority are hereby further empowered to immobilize any motor vehicle/conveyance parked on the streets or highways of the City of Allentown in violation of this Title by attaching a wheel locking device. (12661 §2 6/5/85)

No immobilized or impounded motor vehicle/conveyance shall be released until all costs and fines including towing and storage charges owed by the vehicle's owner have been paid in full. For the purpose of this section "all fines and costs" shall include fines, penalties and costs owed by the vehicle's owner on either a State Citation or a "Notice of Outstanding Parking Ticket" issued by the Allentown Parking Authority. (12661 §2 6/5/85; 13700 §1 10/8/98)

535.03 DESIGNATION OF GARAGES; BONDING; CHARGES

The Bureau of Police shall do the following:

A. Designate garages as approved storage places of the storage of impounded motor vehicles/conveyances, such list of designated garages to be posted in the Bureau of Police. (12661 §3 6/5/85)

B. Provide for the bonding of approved storage places in an adequate amount for the indemnifying of the owner of a motor vehicle/conveyance against the loss thereof or injury or damage thereto, while in the study of such pound keeper. (12661 §3 6/5/85)

C. Fix specific towing and storage charges and post a list of towing and storage charges in the Bureau of Police and the offices of the Allentown Parking Authority. (12661 §3 6/5/85)

535.04 NOTICE TO OWNER

Within twelve (12) hours from the time of removal of a motor vehicle/conveyance, notice of the fact that such motor vehicle/conveyance has been impounded shall be sent by the Bureau of Police or the Allentown Parking Authority, whichever has impounded said motor vehicle/conveyance, designating the place from which the motor vehicle/conveyance was removed, the reason for its removal and the pound in which it has been impounded. (12661 §4 6/5/85)

535.05 PAYMENT OF CHARGES

The payment of towing and storage charges, unless such payment shall be made "under the protest", shall be final and conclusive, and shall constitute a waiver of any right to recover the money so paid. In the event that the towing and storage charges are paid "under protest", the offender shall be entitled to a hearing before a magistrate or court of record having jurisdiction, in which case the defendant shall be proceeded against and receive such notice as provided by applicable law in other cases of summary offense, and shall have the same right as to appeal and waiver of hearing. (12661 §5 6/5/85)

535.99 PENALTY

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this article shall be fined not more than Fifty ($50.00) Dollars and costs for each offense and, in default of payment, shall be imprisoned not more than ten (10) days.

ARTICLE 537
ABANDONED VEHICLES

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CROSS REFERENCES
Abandoned Vehicle Defined -- See Vehicle Code §102
Abandonment Prohibited -- See Vehicle Code §3712
Disposition of Abandoned Vehicles -- See Vehicle Code §7310 et seq.

537.01 DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

1. **Person** means any individual, partnership, limited partnership, association or corporation.

2. **Vehicle** means a machine ordinarily propelled by power and designed to travel by the use of wheels, treads, runners or slides and to transport persons or property and shall include, without limitation, automobiles, trucks, trailers, motorcycles and tractors.

3. **Street or Highway** means the entire width between the boundary lines of any public right of way constructed and maintained for the use of the public and vehicular traffic.

4. **Public Property** means any real property owned or controlled by the City of Allentown or the Allentown Parking Authority. (10697 §1 5/25/65; 13727 §2 1/7/99)

5. **Private Property** means a lot or piece of property in private ownership. (14062 §1 2/21/03)

6. **Parking Lot** means a parking lot open to the public if used for parking with or without a charge. (14062 §1 2/21/03)

537.02 ABANDONED VEHICLES

No person shall abandon a vehicle within the City on either public or private property. For purposes of this article, an abandoned vehicle shall be:

1. The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than forty-eight (48) hours; or (10697 §2 5/25/65; 14062 §1 2/21/03)

2. The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for a period of more than forty-eight (48) hours; or (14062 §1 2/21/03)

3. The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than forty-eight (48) hours and does not bear all of the following, or:

I. A valid registration plate
II. A certificate of inspection
III. An ascertainable vehicle identification number; or (14062 §1 2/21/03)

4. The vehicle has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than forty-eight (48) hour; or, a vehicle with a deflated tire or tires; or, one without a tire or tires, or a vehicle without current license tags; or, a partially disabled, wrecked or junked vehicle when allowed to remain in such condition for a period of forty-eight (48) hours. (10697 §2 5/25/65; 14062 §1 2/21/03)

537.03 REMOVAL OF VEHICLE

Any such abandoned vehicle may be removed by the Bureau of Police, or a designated Allentown Parking Authority personnel, after five (5) days' written notice to the registered owner thereof to remove such vehicle. If the vehicle constituted a safety hazard, the Bureau of Police or the Allentown Parking Authority may remove it immediately and, within twelve (12) hours, send a written notice to the registered owner stating the cause of removal and the procedure to follow in reclaiming the vehicle. (10697 §3 5/25/65; 13727 §2 1/7/99; 14062 §1 2/21/03)

537.04 REMOVAL OF VEHICLE ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

Any such abandoned vehicle may be removed by the Bureau of Police or the Allentown Parking Authority. In order for a vehicle to be towed from a parking lot, the lot must be posted to notify the public of any parking restrictions and the consequences there. (14062 §1 2/21/03)

537.05 EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of this article shall not apply to such vehicles in an enclosed building, a vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise when necessary to the operation of such business or to a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository. (10697 §4 5/25/65)

537.06 PERMITTING ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLE

No person owning property within the City shall allow or permit another person to abandon a vehicle on his property. In addition, the owner of a property on which a vehicle is parked or left unattended in violation of a City ordinance may have the vehicle removed. The owner must sign the Pennsylvania State Form MV-952. The Bureau of Police or the Allentown Parking Authority will be responsible for collecting a fee from the property owner prior to the tow. The fee will be per vehicle and will be equal to that charged by the towing company under contract with the Authority or the City. In the event that the owner of the vehicle claims the vehicle and pays all costs associated with the tow, the Bureau of Police and/or the Allentown Parking Authority will reimburse said owner. (10697 §5 5/25/65; 14062 §1 2/21/03)

537.99 PENALTY

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this article shall be fined not more than Three Hundred ($300.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both. (11995 §5 2/21/73)

ARTICLE 539
STREET CLEANING

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14437 §1 11/7/06 amending the Street Sweeping section by enacting cleaning throughout the year and added a sunset provision requiring Council review. 14656 §1 11/21/08 repealed the sunset provision on winter street cleaning and established an annual reporting requirement on Street Cleaning by May 15.

CROSS REFERENCES
Parking Prohibitions Generally -- See Traffic Article 531
Parking Meter Zones Established -- See Traffic Article 533.02

539.01 DEFINITIONS

Person means every natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or institution. (14437 §1 11/7/06)

Street Cleaning shall include the year round sweeping, salting, plowing or snow removal of the designated streets. (14437 §1 11/7/06)

539.02 CONTROL MAPS AND PREPARATION

There are hereby established street cleaning control maps prepared and maintained by the Director of Public Works and kept on file in the office of the City Engineer. All street cleaning control maps shall be a matter of public record, but keeping these maps up to date shall not be a requisite condition for the prosecution to any violation of a legal regulation. (11863 §2 3/2/71; 14216 §1 10/8/04; 14437 §1 11/7/06; 15221 §1 08/19/15)

539.03 PARKING RESTRICTIONS; EXCEPTIONS

A. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, or cause or permit a vehicle to be parked or left unattended on a City street posted for "No Parking/Street Cleaning" during the designated days and hours chosen by regulations promulgated by the Director of Public Works or his designee. (14216 §1 10/8/04; 14437 §1 11/7/06)

B. The posted times designated on the "No Parking/Street Cleaning" signs shall remain in effect for the full length of time or until the street area has been cleaned. (11863 §3 3/2/71; 14216 §1 10/8/04; 14437 §1 11/7/06)

C. Enforcement shall be suspended during winter storms and for a reasonable period of time thereafter as determined by the Director of Public Works or designee. A reasonable period of time should be no less than 24 hours from the end of the winter storm event. (14437 §1 11/7/06)

539.04 EXISTING PARKING REGULATIONS; EMERGENCIES

Nothing herein shall be construed to permit any motor vehicle to be parked on any street or in any parking area where parking is prohibited by the terms of any other article.

Nothing in the section shall be construed as prohibiting physicians or emergency cars, or any other person, firm or corporation operating authorized emergency vehicles while engaged in their duties, from parking a vehicle in designated areas upon the occasion of any emergency.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit taxicabs or public buses standing in any established taxicab or bus stand, provided the same are attended by the drivers thereof. (11863 §4 3/2/71)

In all cases, failure of the owner or operator to make payment within twenty (20) days shall make the owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed Fifty ($50.00) Dollars, and in default of payment of fines and costs, imprisoned for not more than ten (10) days. (13227 §5 12/1/93)

539.05 YEAR ROUND-STREET CLEANING

Street Cleaning will continue in the designated posted areas during the months of December through February. Those areas shall include the following districts: (14437 §1 11/7/06, 14656 §1 11/21/08; 15156 §1 10/15/14)

#1: Front Street to 10th Street, Chew to Sumner and 4th to Front from Chew to Union Streets, as posted.

#2: 10th to 17th from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to Sumner Avenue, as posted.

#9: 4th to 12th Streets from Union to Chew Streets, as posted.

Both Districts #1 and #2 will be suspended during a winter event and will be reinstated on a Monday once the curb line is clear of snow piles, as posted.

539.06 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Public Works and the Allentown Parking Authority by or on May 15 of each year shall prepare and submit a report on year round street cleaning focusing on winter street cleaning to Allentown City Council's Public Works Committee for review at a public meeting. (14656 §1 11/21/08)

539.07 EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to Vehicles of the City of Allentown which display a Municipal plate, Municipal vehicle identification window sticker, Municipal placard and are engaged in official City business. In addition, any other type of vehicle on Official City business with an approved City placard displayed on the front dashboard will be exempt from provisions of this ordinance. (15306 §1 08/03/16)

539.99 PENALTY

Any police officer or duly authorized Parking Authority employee shall issue a violation notice to any vehicles parking in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, a notice of said violation.

A. For violation of "Prohibited Parking/Street Cleaning" the owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a fine and in full satisfaction of each initial violation, the sum of Twenty ($20) Dollars; and, after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation, pay a penalty of Thirty ($30) Dollars. Subsequent offenses will incur additional penalties when repeat violation occurs more than one time in a thirty (30) day period. For violation of "No Parking/Street Cleaning", the owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when the subsequent notice was attached to his vehicle, pay as a fine and in full satisfaction of repeat violation, the sum of Fifty ($50) Dollars; and, after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the subsequent offense, pay a penalty of Sixty ($60) Dollars. In all cases failure of the owner or operator to make payment within twenty (20) days shall make the owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed One Hundred ($100) Dollars, and in default of payment of fines and costs, imprisoned for not more than ten (10) days. (13227 §5 12/1/93; 13901 §5 4/19/01) (11863 §5 3/2/71; 13227 §5 12/1/93; 13901 §5 4/19/01; 14216 §1 10/8/04; 14437 §1 11/7/06; 14787 3/19/2010; 15131 § 5/7/14)

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Editorial Note:

15221 (08/19/15) Includes the following extension: District #3: 17th St to ~~23rd~~ Ott, MLK north to Tilghman.

15156 (10/21/2014) Delineates certain districts that will be subject to year round street cleaning.

15082 (7/17/2013) provides for a 24 hour renewal permit for loading or unloading a vehicle 14787 (3/19/2010) increased the penalty for double parking and parking large vehicles on streets; and deleted the second and subsequent increases in fines for street cleaning.

14782 (3/9/2010) added a new section prohibiting the use of a hand-held mobile telephone by a person operating a motor vehicle on a City street.

14779 (2/0/2010) established residential parking zones in the 400 block of North Jordan.

14742 (10/14/2009) provided for a 24 hour permit for the loading and unloading of vehicles.

14701 §1 4/6/09 - Amending Article 531, Stopping, Standing and Parking, by prohibiting a person from re-parking a vehicle on the same side of a street within the same block to avoid a parking time limit, regulating the storage of vehicles on the street, and clarifying the direction in which vehicles can park on streets; and Article 534, Residential Permit Parking, by establishing new procedures for the residential parking designation process and amending the residential parking zones to include the 400 block of North 9th Street, the unit block of South Jefferson Street, and the 200 block of North Poplar Street.

14421 (9/15/06) establishes limits on large vehicles that could parking in residential areas.

14468 (2/8/07) prohibited vehicles that have a Class V license or above and prohibits parking in any district other than industrial districts.

14500 (6/25/07) added the BLI as a prohibited district for parking large vehicles.